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**Subject:** Media query - SF Business Times - HPNS and PEER  
**Attachments:** EPA comments on draft Rad Data Eval Parcels B G Text 12-29-2019.pdf

Hi –

I spoke with SF Business Times reporter Blanca Torres and she said she had seen the PEER report saying that EPA documents show that soil sample falsification is greater than previously reported. She is asking 1) if the documents in question are official EPA documents, and 2) what happens next (eg, will we ask Navy to re-do all testing?)?

From my chat with John, it seems like a slightly tweaked version of the earlier response will be fine. please see below and let me know if it looks ok.

Deadline is 5 pm today.

Thanks,  
Michele

Yes, the report in question is an official EPA document; please see attached for the full report. The report shows EPA's findings from our independent review of Parcels B and G soil sample data; please let us know if you have any specific questions about the report.

In regards to the discrepancies in the percentages, EPA's assessment of the data included looking more closely for signs of potential data quality problems in addition to signs of potential falsification. For example, EPA recommended resampling when data were missing or when different data collection methods did not produce consistent results.

EPA is pleased that the Navy will be resampling the impacted parcels and relying on these new data to determine where additional cleanup may be needed. EPA's input, which is based on our independent review of the data, will help inform where the resampling will be done.

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**Subject:** Call from SF Business Time Reporter RE: HPNS and PEER

Hi Michele:

I just forwarded a VM to you and John from a SF Business Time Reporter. She wants information from us re: PEER finding at HPNS.

Please respond.

Thank you!

Judy

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